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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-10 and 27-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 28-44 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-10 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date various.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Applicant's election of Group II in the reply filed on September 14, 2006 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

- I. Claims 1-5 (now cancelled), drawn to a process for conserving an anti-oxidant, classified in class 426, subclass 541.
- II. Claims 6-10 and 27, drawn to an additive for food, a binder syrup and a method for making a binder syrup, classified in class 426, subclass 660.
- III. Claims 11-19 (now cancelled) and 28-36, drawn to a process for preparing a dry ready to eat food and a granola bar, classified in class 426, subclass 660.
- IV. Claims 20-26 (now cancelled) and 37-44, drawn to a process for preparing chocolate, classified in class 426, subclass 631.

Applicant responded to the requirement for restriction by electing Group II. Claims 28-44 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected Group.

Claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 10 includes an optional lecithin and/or chocolate component. It is unclear if the lecithin and chocolate component are included or excluded from the composition. An amendment to the claim canceling "optionally" would overcome the rejection. The recitation and/or in claim 10 and 27 is unclear because it is unclear if the chocolate liquor is intended to be included or excluded from the composition. An amendment to the claim clarifying this issue would overcome the rejection.

It is not seen that any and all combinations of syrup and cocoa solids are effective to provide for binder syrup. An amendment to the claims providing an amount of syrup and an amount of cocoa solids would overcome the rejection.

Claims 8-10 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a syrup made of an aqueous solution of nutritive carbohydrate sweeteners and/or sugar substitutes, as disclosed on page 15 of applicants specification, does not reasonably provide enablement for any and all syrup compositions.

The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to practice the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

Claims 8-10 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for binder syrups containing syrup and pretreated solids in the amounts set forth at page 17 of the specification, does not reasonably provide enablement for a binder syrup containing any and all combinations of syrup and solids. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to practice the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art is directed to cocoa products that have the procyanidin content of the claims without providing a suggestion to add sterol ester in the amount suggested by the claims.

Claims 6-7 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carolyn A Paden whose telephone

number is (571) 272-1403. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7 am to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano, can be reached on (571) 272-1398 or by dialing 571-272-1700. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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